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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 10/689,257
Applicant : BEAUMONT, Mark
Filed : 20 October 2003
Title : Method of Manipulating Data in a Group of Processing Elements to Transpose the Data
TC/A.U. : 2183
Examiner : HUSMAN, David J.
Docket No. : PAT001070-000

STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW

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Sir:

The undersigned attorney would like to thank the examiner for extending the courtesy of a telephonic interview held on 27 February 2007. The purpose of the interview was to enable the applicant to have a better understanding of the examiner's interpretation of the word "diagonal." It was the examiner's position that a diagonal could be a two-element diagonal as shown in Fig. 1 of Hanounik, while applicant's position was that a diagonal would include all of those elements which would result from a wrap-around feature. Although the examiner indicated that Hanounik does not appear to perform the claimed shifting along diagonals as interpreted by applicant, it was the examiner's position that the claim language does not require applicant's

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interpretation of diagonal. As a result, the examiner asserted that the current interpretation of the prior art and rejection were valid.

Respectfully submitted,



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